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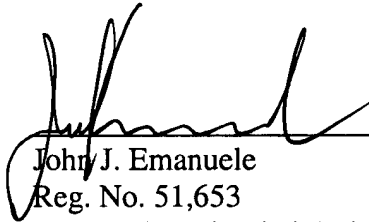
This Statement is being submitted after the mailing of an Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing of any Final Office Action. The fee of \$180 as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed. Therefore, it is believed that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due as set forth in § 1.17(p) and to charge any additional fees which may

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